



Vocabulary

VOC-27 Word Sort: Prefixes and Suffixes

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Students sort words into groups with the same prefixes and suffixes.

MATERIALS: *Index cards, paper, pencils*

- 1 Create sets of word cards by writing a word with a prefix or suffix on an index card, one word per card. Each student or team will need a set of cards, paper and pencils.
- 2 Model identifying the prefix in a word and finding a word with the same prefix.
- 3 Pass out the word cards for students to sort independently.
- 4 Students read each word, then group words with the same prefix and suffix.
- 5 Students check their work with another student or team.
- 6 Students write their solution on a sheet of paper.

EXAMPLE:	kindness	unfair	forgiveness	unequal
	unfriendly	sadness	unexpected	loneliness
	willingness	unsure	awareness	unable

EXTENSION: After checking students' sorting, discuss the meanings of the words. The discussions can take place in either large or small groups.



PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Print all sets of word cards. Cut the word cards apart. Follow the directions for play.

Set 1 (un-)	
unable	undo
unhappy	unlock
uncertain	unbutton
unbend	uneven

Set 2 (dis-)	
disorder	dislike
disagree	disbelief
dishonor	discolor
disrespect	disable

Set 3 (re-)	
redo	reheat
react	repaint
rewrite	recall
repay	recolor

Set 4 (-ness)	
goodness	hardness
aliveness	laziness
kindness	rudeness
sadness	saltiness

Set 5 (-ful)	
peaceful	colorful
beautiful	powerful
painful	respectful
playful	graceful

Set 6 (est)	
biggest	smartest
hardest	closest
coldest	funniest
luckiest	darkest



Less Challenging: Introduce the activity by using only 2 sets of word cards. As students experience success with the activity, gradually increase the number of sets used during the game.

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